

**PANASONIC JAGUAR RACING AND NELSON PIQUET JR  
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Panasonic Jaguar Racing and Nelson Piquet Jr have mutually agreed to part ways with immediate effect.

Panasonic Jaguar Racing will field Briton Alex Lynn in the Jaguar I-TYPE 3 alongside Mitch Evans at the Rome E-Prix on 13 April in the team line-up for the ABB FIA Formula E Championship. Alex joins the British team and brings relevant experience of Formula E from his debut season in the championship in season four.

The British driver returns to Panasonic Jaguar Racing after making his testing debut for the team at Donington Park in 2016. Lynn joins the team to support their objective to fight for podiums in season five.

**James Barclay, Panasonic Jaguar Racing, Team Director said:** “Our objective this season is to be competing for podiums, we have agreed that Alex will join the team from the next event in Rome. With half the season remaining we will be pushing very hard for strong results. I would like to welcome Alex to the Panasonic Jaguar Racing and look forward to working with him.

Following discussions after Sanya, Nelson and ourselves have reflected on the position of the team. Regrettably, it has been agreed, that he will leave Panasonic Jaguar Racing and take up other opportunities he has been offered. We made a big step forward when Nelson joined us in season 4, and he achieved some strong results for the team, but recent results have not met his or the team’s expectations. We want to take this opportunity to thank Nelson for all the hard work he has put in since joining us ahead of season 4; he has contributed a significant amount into the development of the car and we wish him well in his future endeavours. We will announce his replacement shortly.”

**Alex Lynn, Panasonic Jaguar Racing driver said:** “I am really excited to get behind the wheel of the Jaguar I-TYPE 3 in Rome. Joining Panasonic Jaguar Racing is a great opportunity for me. I am focused on working with Mitch, the engineers and technicians to put in a strong performance from now until the end of the season.”

**Nelson Piquet Jr said:** “I have enjoyed working with Panasonic Jaguar Racing over the past season and a half but results in season five have not met the collective expectations of myself and the team. I begin my Stock Car Brazil season in a week and a half and that will be my focus in 2019. I am still very passionate about Formula E having been involved since the start and winning the inaugural championship. I wish Jaguar Racing the very best for the rest of the season.”

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## **EDITORS' NOTES**

### **ABOUT PANASONIC JAGUAR RACING**

Jaguar returned to racing in October 2016, becoming the first premium manufacturer to join the all-electric ABB FIA Formula E Championship street racing series.

Jaguar's Formula E programme will create tangible R&D benefits for the electrification of future Jaguar and Land Rover road cars and is designed around the team's founding principle, 'Race to Innovate'.

Manufacturers can design their own powertrain, which includes the motor, transmission, inverter and rear suspension. Common components across all teams to control costs include the carbon fibre chassis and battery. The focus is on developing electric vehicle powertrains. ABB Formula E unveiled earlier this year the Generation 2 racecars. Teams will now have one racecar per driver, and no longer be required to make the mandatory car swap.

Beyond its all-electric concept, Formula E is unique in the world of motorsport for its choice of venues. The championship takes place on temporary street circuits in the centre of the world's major cities including Riyadh, Hong Kong, Sanya, Monaco, Rome, Paris and ending in a double-header weekend in New York.